

Committee Meeting Minutes - 15th May 2024

Present: Martin Shaw (Chairman)
Nigel Downes (Secretary)
Steve Verity (Treasurer)
Ian White
Colin Brooks

Apologies: Simon Tomlinson
Mike Archibald
Steve Birss
Helena Bidder
Mel White

1) Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the AGM held on 2nd November 2023 were approved as an accurate summary of the proceedings.

- While it was agreed at AGM that a table tennis table would be donated to the club when it was thought that an alternative court usage may increase light fees. While it was thought to be a good idea at the time; unfortunately the utilisation has been very low, so it has been decided that the table will be removed.

2) Secretary's Report

The secretary apologised for not having numbers to hand, however the numbers remain consistent with previous years with new members covering the losses (this is confirmed by Treasurer).

- It is noticeable that the club is struggling for active members between the ages of approx. 20-40 and, specifically, female members (either squash or racketball).
- In order to promote Racketball, as an easier "entry-level" sport, within the club it was suggested that it would be useful to investigate having a coach.

3) Treasurers Report

- Year 2023 Accounts show:
 - Increase in approx. £8000 light fee income
 - Increase in approx. £1000 membership fee income
 - Total income increased by approx. £10k
 - Broke even (due to increase in Gas and Electricity prices)
 - Gas cost increased by £4k
- This year to date (7 months into membership year):
 - £13,300 light fee income
 - Approx. £100 down on last year subs at this point (1 adult)
 - Appears to be another break-even year
 - Reserve is untouched

4) Website and Online

- Mostly working well
- Issue with refunds on cancelled courts - "opponent" is being reimbursed £0.00 while the booker receives the refund. Payne aware and investigating.

5) Playing matters:

Handicap Leagues

- About to complete another successful season
- New "Summer" season to start soon
- Proposed that teams will initially roll-over into Summer League unless player pulls out

Mini-Leagues

- Continuing, with limited support
- It's noted that new members are taking part

Yorkshire League Squash

- Need sponsors for the 24-25 season
- Anticipated that 2 professionals will be required, to remain competitive

Racket ball

- Interest in a Racketball "club competition" to be assessed

Juniors

- Juniors still being coached by Andy and Fiona
- South Hunsley and Hull Collegiate still making use of the courts throughout the academic year

Hull and District

- 4 teams started this year, difficulty running 2 teams in division 2 due to lack of numbers available (mostly injuries)

Tournaments

- Club competition to be organised, to include Yorkshire League players (if possible) - last year's comp went down very well with them entering
- Handicap competition to be organised, to exclude the Yorkshire League players as it would lead to large differences scores meaning poor game experiences.

Club Coach

- Andy Cockrill still club coach with support from Fiona
 - Fiona's "Coach" fob was not working correctly - now sorted

6) Maintenance - Supervisors Report

- The consumer unit just inside the front door is in desperate need of replacement
- It is noted that the courts were due to be cleaned this year, however it is now too late for the summer holiday 2024 window to be booked. The courts are still in good condition, thanks to Mike A, so it is intended that they will be cleaned summer 2025.
- There was a small issue with a gas pipe that has now been resolved.

7) Membership & Re-affiliation

- Affiliation to England Squash is required for the Yorkshire league team and their use of the club.
 - Believed to be £95 p/a

8) AGM discussion

Due to the massive increase in utility costs it is proposed that the following increases are discussed at the AGM

- Fees
 - Lights fees increase to £4 / £3.25 each
 - Membership fees:
 - Adult - £20
 - Seniors - £20
 - Off-Peak - £20
 - Students and Juniors remain unchanged
- The Secretary has stated his intent to step down following this year's AGM, however all he is willing to remain on and support the committee.

9) Any other business

- None discussed

10) Date of AGM

- 10th / 11th July tbc